

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

Jing Liu;  
Chengya Wang;

Plaintiffs,

vs.

ALBERTO R. GONZALES, U.S. Attorney General;  
ROBERT S. MUELLER, III, Director of the  
Federal Bureau of Investigation;  
MICHAEL A. CANNON, Section Chief of the  
National Name Check Program Section of the Federal  
Bureau of Investigation;  
MICHAEL CHERTOFF, Secretary of the  
Department of Homeland Security;  
EMILIO GONZALEZ, Director of United States  
Citizenship and Immigration Services;  
GREGORY CHRISTIAN, Director of the Nebraska  
service Center, US Citizenship and Immigration  
Service

Defendants

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COMPLIANT

CV 06-1827 MJP

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06-CV-01827-CMP

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1 **PETITION FOR COMPLAINT**

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3 Petitioners Jing Liu and Chengya Wang, husband and wife respectively, respectfully petition this  
4 Court for a writ of mandamus to compel Defendants and their subordinates to act on the clearly  
5 delayed processing of the plaintiffs' applications for adjustment of status to lawful permanent  
6 resident. Petitioners allege as follows:

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8 **JURISDICTION**

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10 1. This action arises under the United States Constitution and the Immigration and  
11 Nationality Act of 1952 ("INA"), 8 U.S.C. §1255. This Court has jurisdiction over this petition  
12 under 28 U.S.C §1331, the INA, the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. §706, and the  
13 Mandamus Act, 28 U.S.C. §1361.

14 **VENUE**

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16 2. Venue in this District is proper under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391 because the Washington  
17 District Office of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service ("USCIS"), an agency  
18 of the United States Department of Homeland Security ("DHS"), has jurisdiction to adjudicate  
19 petitioners' applications for adjustment of status. Both plaintiffs reside in Seattle, Washington.

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21 **EXHAUSTION**

22 3. USCIS owes the plaintiffs a duty to adjudicate their properly filed Applications  
23 within a reasonable time. It has neglected this duty for nearly three years. Petitioners have  
24 exhausted their administrative remedies. After many inquiries to USCIS, the security checks on  
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1 their cases are still pending. The petitioner has no other adequate remedy to redress USCIS's  
2 unreasonable delay in processing their applications.

### 3 4 PARTIES

5 4. Petitioner Jing Liu is a citizen of People's Republic of China. On April 27, 2004,  
6 Mr. Liu applied for adjustment of status to lawful permanent resident. Currently Mr. Liu works  
7 and lives in Seattle, Washington.

8 5. Petitioner Chengya Wang is a citizen of People's Republic of China. On April 27,  
9 2004, Ms. Wang applied for adjustment of status to lawful permanent resident as the dependent  
10 to her husband, Mr. Liu. Currently Ms. Wang works and lives in Seattle, Washington.

11 6. Defendant Alberto L. Gonzales is Attorney General of the United States and is  
12 sued in his official capacity. As Attorney General, Mr. Gonzales is responsible for  
13 administration of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (the "FBI"), the agency responsible for  
14 name check procedures involved in the processing of immigration benefits.

15 7. Defendant Robert S. Mueller, III is Director of the FBI and is sued in his official  
16 capacity. As Director of the FBI, Mr. Mueller is responsible for supplying USCIS with  
17 information about applicants seeking benefits under the immigration laws of the United States.

18 8. Defendant Michael A. Cannon is Section Chief of the National Name Check  
19 Program Section of the FBI ("NNCPS") and is sued in his official capacity. As Section Chief of  
20 NNCPS, Mr. Cannon is responsible for processing and completing requests from DHS and  
21 USCIS for information on applicants for immigration benefits.

22 9. Defendant Michael Chertoff is Secretary of DHS and is sued in his official  
23 capacity. As Secretary of DHS, Mr. Chertoff is responsible for the administration and  
24 enforcement of the immigration laws of the United States.

1           10. Defendant Emilio Gonzalez is Director of USCIS and is sued in his official  
2 capacity. As Director of USCIS, Mr. Gonzalez is responsible for the overall administration of  
3 USCIS and the implementation of the immigration laws of the United States.

4           11. Defendant Gregory Christian is the Director of the Nebraska Service Center,  
5 USCIS and is sued in his official capacity. The Nebraska Service Center is responsible for  
6 adjudication of the adjustment of status applications filed by the Plaintiffs.

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9                           **STATEMENT OF CLAIMS**

10           12. Petitioner Jing Liu was born in China in 1968 and petitioner Chengya Wang was  
11 born in China in 1974. Mr. Liu and Ms. Wang were married in June 2002, in Portland, Oregon.  
12 Both are citizens of People's Republic of China.

13           13. Mr. Liu entered the United States on a nonimmigrant F-1 student visa in August  
14 1994. In March 2001, upon completion of his Ph.D. degree from Purdue University in Indiana,  
15 he moved to Portland, Oregon and started working as a credit risk analyst for Household  
16 International, which was later acquired by HSBC Holdings in 2003. In August 2001, Mr. Liu  
17 transferred to H1-B visa.

18           14. Ms. Wang entered the United States on a nonimmigrant F-1 student visa in  
19 August 1999. In June 2001, upon completion of her Master degree from Purdue University, she  
20 moved to Portland, Oregon. In August 2002, Ms. Wang transferred to H4 visa as the dependent  
21 to Mr. Liu.

22           15. In April 2004, desiring to become lawful permanent residents of the United  
23 States, Mr. Liu and Ms. Wang filed applications for adjustment of status with USCIS Nebraska  
24 Service Center. The applications along with I-131, I-765 and supporting documentation, were  
25 filed on or around April 23, 2004. Notices of Receipt were dated by USCIS on April 27, 2004

1 (EXHIBITS 1a & 1b). The receipt number is LIN-04-154-52830 for Mr. Liu and LIN 04-154-  
2 52892 for Ms. Wang. The assigned A number is A98 134 873 for Mr. Liu and A98 134 874 for  
3 Ms. Wang.

4 16. In September 05, Mr. Liu and Ms. Wang moved to Seattle as the result of the  
5 new employment of Mr. Liu with Washington Mutual Bank (WaMu) where he works as a credit  
6 risk analyst (same occupancy category as initially used in I-485 application). The new attorney  
7 from WaMu noticed USCIS of the change for Mr. Liu on October 21, 2005 and the change for  
8 Ms. Wang on November 16, 2005.

9 17. Mr. Liu and Ms. Wang gave their fingerprints on July 1, 2004 as scheduled at  
10 USCIS (EXHIBITS 2a & 2b). They provided fingerprints (code 2) on June 14, 2005, as  
11 requested by USCIS (EXHIBITS 3a & 3b). They updated their fingerprints on December 2,  
12 2005, as requested by USCIS (EXHIBITS 4a & 4b).

13 18. On May 2006, Ms. Wang contacted Senator Patty Murray asking for help in  
14 their delayed I-485 applications. In a reply letter dated May 10, 2006, Senator Murray's office  
15 informed Plaintiffs that their cases were "pending due to national security checks." (EXHIBIT 5)

16 19. On August 22, 2006, the plaintiffs received from USCIS the 'Request of  
17 Evidence'. Their attorney furnished to USCIS the relevant materials for both plaintiffs on  
18 September 12, 2006.

19 20. On December 22, 2006, Mr. Liu visited USCIS Seattle District office through  
20 INFOPASS appointment to inquire about their cases. He was informed that their background  
21 checks were initiated in April 2004 and were still pending. Therefore, the plaintiffs' I-485  
22 petitions will remain unadjudicated.

23 21. The Defendants have failed to properly adjudicate the petitions. They have  
24 failed to adhere to their own regulations and have improperly delayed the processing of the  
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1 Plaintiff's I-485 applications. It has been almost 32 months since the Plaintiffs first filed their I-  
2 485 with USCIS on April 27, 2004.

3 22. Although the role of Defendants is pivotal to the security of the United States of  
4 America, the Defendants' actions have gone well beyond the expected 1 year to 18 months  
5 processing time for the adjudication of an I-485 application. Defendants have also gone well  
6 beyond the 8 to 12 months allowance time for the FBI background check. Defendants have  
7 failed to adhere to their own regulations and procedures.

8 23. Defendants have sufficient information to determine the Plaintiff's eligibility  
9 pursuant to applicable requirements and complete the processing procedures.

10 24. Defendants' delay in this case, as a matter of law, is arbitrary and not in  
11 accordance with the law. Defendants willfully, and unreasonably, have inappropriately refused  
12 to adjudicate the petition, thereby depriving Plaintiffs of the rights to which they are entitled.

13 25. The plaintiffs have been greatly damaged by the failure of Defendants to act in  
14 accord with their duties under the law.

15 (a) Specifically, Plaintiffs, Jing Liu and Chengya Wang have been unable to  
16 obtain legal permanent residence and thus cannot travel or work without  
17 restriction.

18 (b) The plaintiffs are unable to accrue time to be eligible for Naturalization as a  
19 citizen of the United States, thus delaying their obtainment of the rights and  
20 privileges enjoyed by citizens of the United States.

21 26. Defendants in violation of the Administrative Procedures Act, 5 USC § 551 et  
22 seq. are unlawfully delaying action on Plaintiff's application and have failed to carry out the  
23 adjudicative functions delegated to them by law within a reasonable time.

1 27. Defendants in violation of the Administrative Procedures Act, 5 USC §701 et  
2 seq. are unlawfully withholding action on the Plaintiff's application and have failed to carry out  
3 the adjudicative functions delegated to them by law with regard to the Plaintiff's case.  
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5 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

6 WHEREFORE, in view of the argument and authority noted herein, Petitioners  
7 respectfully request prays that the Defendants be cited to appear herein and that, upon due  
8 consideration, the Court enter an order:

- 9 a) requiring Defendants to properly adjudicate Plaintiffs' applications for action  
10 on the approved petitions;  
11 b) requiring Defendants to provide the Plaintiffs with Notices of Approval;  
12 c) granting such other relief at law as in equity as justice may require.  
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15 Respectfully submitted this 26 day of December, 2006.  
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18 Dated this December 24, 2006

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20 Jing Liu

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22 Chengya Wang  
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**EXHIBITS**

EXHIBIT 1a: NOTICE OF RECEIPT (I485) from USCIS dated April 27, 2004 for Mr. Jing Liu

EXHIBIT 1b: NOTICE OF RECEIPT (I485) from USCIS dated April 27, 2004 for Ms. Chengya Wang

EXHIBIT 2a: FINGERPRINT WORKSHEET dated July 1, 2004 for Mr. Jing Liu

EXHIBIT 2b: FINGERPRINT WORKSHEET dated July 1, 2004 for Ms. Chengya Wang

EXHIBIT 3a: FINGERPRINT NOTIFICATION dated May 25, 2005 For Mr. Jing Liu

EXHIBIT 3b: FINGERPRINT NOTIFICATION dated May 25, 2005 for Ms. Chengya Wang

EXHIBIT 4a: FINGERPRINT NOTIFICATION dated October 21, 2005 for Mr. Jing Liu

EXHIBIT 4b: FINGERPRINT NOTIFICATION dated October 21, 2005 for Ms. Chengya Wang

EXHIBIT 5: LETTER FROM SENATOR Patty Murray dated May 10, 2006



U.S. Department of Justice  
Immigration and Naturalization Service

## Notice of Action

EXHIBIT-10

<b>THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA</b>	
RECEIPT NUMBER LIN-04-154-52830	
CASE NO. 1485 APPLICATION TO ADJUST TO PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS	
RECEIVED DATE April 27, 2004	PRIORITY DATE  
APPLICANT A98 134 873 LIU, JING	
NOTICE DATE May 4, 2004	PAGE 1 of 1
PAUL N. GRAHAM TRANSNATIONAL LEGAL SERVICE PC 1955 W HAMLIN ROAD 100 ROCHESTER HILLS MI 48309	
Notice Type: Receipt Notice  Amount received: \$ 305.00 Section: Adjustment as direct beneficiary of immigrant petition	
<p>The above application or petition has been received. It usually takes 570 to 600 days from the date of this receipt for us to process this type of case. Please notify us immediately if any of the above information is incorrect.</p> <p>We will send you a written notice as soon as we make a decision on this case. You can also use the phone number 800-375-5283 to obtain case status information directly from our automated system 24 hours a day with a touch-tone phone and the receipt number for this case (at the top of this receipt).</p> <p>If you have other questions about possible immigration benefits and services, filing information, or Immigration and Naturalization Service forms, please call the INS National Customer Service Center (NCSC) at 1-800-375-5283. If you are hearing impaired, please call our TDD at 1-800-767-1833.</p> <p>You can also visit the INS on the internet at <a href="http://www.ins.gov">www.ins.gov</a>. On our web site you can get up-to-date case status information on your case and find valuable information about immigration services and benefits.</p>	

Please see the additional information on the back. You will be notified separately about any other cases you filed.

 NEBRASKA SERVICE CENTER  
 U. S. IMMIG. & NATZ. SERVICE  
 P.O. BOX 82521  
 LINCOLN NE 68501-2521  
 Customer Service Telephone: 800-375-5283


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## Notice of Action

**EXHIBIT-1b**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA		
RECEIPT NUMBER LIN-04-154-52892		CASE TYPE 1485 APPLICATION TO ADJUST TO PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS
RECEIVED DATE April 27, 2004	PRIORITY DATE	APPLICANT A98 134 874 WANG, CHENGYA
NOTICE DATE May 4, 2004	PAGE 1 of 1	
PAUL N. GRAHAM TRANSNATIONAL LEGAL SERVICE PC 1955 W HAMLIN ROAD 100 ROCHESTER HILLS MI 48309		Notice Type: Receipt Notice  Amount received: \$ 305.00  Section: Derivative adjustment
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FD-252 Completed at INS/ASC \_\_\_\_\_  
On: 7/17/04 By: [Signature]  
QC Check Completed By: [Signature]

**EXHIBIT-2b****ASC/COLO Standard Operating Procedures****DBI TENPRINTER Applicant Information Worksheet (AIW)**

When you have completed this worksheet, turn it into the receptionist. Have this worksheet, your appointment notification letter and picture identification available.

NAME: WANG Chengya /  
                     Last                                      First                                      Middle

DATE OF BIRTH: 1974 11 23 PHONE #: 503-443-4850  
                                     Year                      Month                      Day

PLACE OF BIRTH: Shanghai, P.R. China SEX: (Male or Female)

RACE: Check the most appropriate code below:

☐ American Indian or Alaskan Native    ☐ Black    ☐ White (Hispanic also check)  
☒ Asian or Pacific Island    ☐ Unknown

HEIGHT: 5 Feet 3 Inches                      WEIGHT: 106 Pounds

EYE COLOR: Check the most appropriate code below:

☒ Black    ☐ Brown    ☐ Green    ☐ Gray    ☐ Pink    ☐ Hazel    ☐ Blue    ☐ Maroon

HAIR COLOR: Check the most appropriate code below:

☒ Black    ☐ Bald    ☐ White    ☐ Sandy    ☐ Red    ☐ Gray    ☐ Blonde    ☐ Brown

COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP: China

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: 312 - 21 - 8359

ALIEN REGISTRATION NUMBER: A 098134874

LIST ANY OTHER NAMES YOU HAVE USED:

N/A  
                     Last                                      First                                      Middle

RESIDENCE ADDRESS (List mailing address if different from residence):

10655 SW Lady Marion Dr. Tigard OR 97224  
                     Street number and name                      Apartment #                      City                      State                      Zip Code

REASON FOR FINGERPRINT APPLICATION: (I-485, I-589, I-600, I-821, N-400): I-485

<b>LOCAL AIW STAMP</b>	
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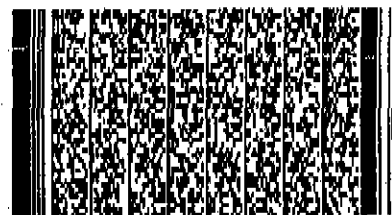
EXHIBIT - 3A

Form I-797C, Notice of Action

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Fingerprint Notification

CASE TYPE I485 Application to Register Permanent Resident or Adjust Status		SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER	NOTICE DATE 05/25/2005
APPLICATION NUMBER LIN0415452830	CODE 2	SERVICE CENTER NSC	USCIS AP A098134873
APPLICANT NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS JING LIU 10635 SW LADY MARION DRIVE TIGARD, OR 97224			PAGE 1 of 1



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APPLICATION SUPPORT CENTER USCIS PORTLAND, OR 721 SW 14TH AVE. PORTLAND, OR 97205	DATE AND TIME OF APPOINTMENT 06/14/2005 10:00 AM
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USCIS PORTLAND, OR  
721 SW 14TH AVE.  
PORTLAND, OR 97205

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If you have any questions regarding this notice, please call 1-800-375-8283.

APPLICATION NUMBER  
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APPLICANT COPY



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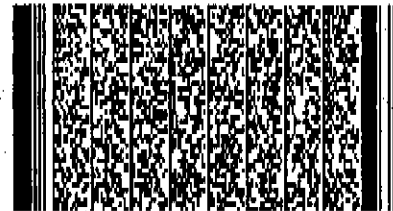
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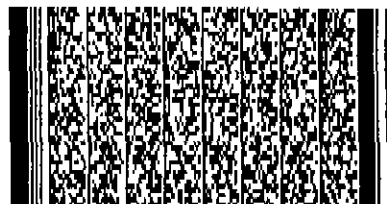


# ASC Appointment Notice

NOTICE DATE  
10/21/2005

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12/02/2005  
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ON  
USCIS QA REVIEW BY:

157943 ON 12-02-05

## THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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15 PM 12/21/05



# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-4704

May 10, 2006

Ms. Chengya Wang  
1221 1st Avenue, Apartment 925  
Seattle, Washington 98101

Dear Ms. Wang:

Thank you for contacting my office regarding the difficulties you have experienced with the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. As per your concerns regarding the length of time it has taken to process your I-485 application, a member of my staff has contacted the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Nebraska Service Center. Records indicate that your application is pending due to national security checks.

Unfortunately, there is no way to tell how long the clearance process will take, nor is there anything I can do to expedite it. While many applicants move through this stage relatively quickly, delays do occur when cases require additional verification for reasons such as the commonality of the applicant's name. I can assure you, however, that CIS tracks all cases pending background checks to ensure that they are processed immediately when a favorable security clearance has been confirmed.

I understand that this process can be frustrating and regret that I cannot be of more assistance. Should you require assistance with any other federal matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Patty Murray  
United States Senator

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